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1. VIENNA MEETING. PRAVDA CARRIES WITHOUT FURTHER  
COMMENT THE PRESS STATEMENT REPORTED REFTEL. THE  
PRAVDA RUSSIAN LANGUAGE VERSION TRANSLATES "SPEEDY" IN  
CONNECTION WITH COMPLETION OF CSCE AS "BYSTREYSHEYE",  
WHICH EQUATES IN THIS CONTEXT MORE NEARLY TO ENGLISH  
"SPEEDIEST POSSIBLE".

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2. BILATERAL AFFAIRS. PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA CARRY ACCOUNTS OF THE SCHLESINGER U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT INTERVIEW, CONCENTRATING ON HIS EXHORTATIONS TO ALLIES TO INCREASE DEFENSE SPENDING AND HIS "THREAT" OF THE USE OF MILITARY FORCE IN CASE OF AN OIL EMBARGO. SCHLESINGER'S STATEMENT THAT "POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, OR CONCEIVABLY MILITARY" MEASURES WOULD BE TAKEN IS MISQUOTED BY OMISSION OF WORD "CONCEIVABLY". PRAVDA DEVOTES LENGTHY ARTICLE TO ATTACK ON U.S. PUBLISHERS' PREDOMINANCE IN CANADA, SAYS THEY ARE AIDED BY U.S. "IDEOLOGICAL SERVICES". PRAVDA HAS ANGELA DAVIS PROMISING TO "CONTINUE THE STRUGGLE TO FREE POLITICAL PRISONERS AND VICTIMS OF RACIAL REPRESSION" FROM U.S. JAILS. CENTRAL PRESS REPORTS MANSFIELD'S OPPOSITION TO DIEGO GARCIA AND SENATE VOTE FOR LIFTING ARMS EMBARGO ON TURKEY, TYING LATTER STEP TO UPCOMING NATO SUMMIT. PRAVDA HIGHLIGHTS TWA FINANCIAL PROBLEMS AS FURTHER EXAMPLE OF U.S. ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES. U.S. GOVERNORS VISIT TO MOSCOW CONTINUES TO RECEIVE MODEST COVERAGE. RECENT GOVERNOR WALLACE INTERVIEW ON FOREIGN POLICY IS ATTACKED IN LITERARY GAZETTE.

3. MIDDLE EAST. MORNING DAILIES BRIEFLY REPORT THE DEPARTURE FROM SUEZ OF FIRST EGYPTIAN CONVOY TO TRANSIT THE SUEZ CANAL. PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA BOTH HAVE COMMENTARIES ON KOSYGIN'S TALKS IN TRIPOLI AND TUNIS. COMMENTATORS STRESS THAT VISITS MADE A SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO STRENGTHENING SOVIET-LIBYAN AND SOVIET-TUNISIAN BILATERAL RELATIONS. HOWEVER, ON THE ARAB ISRAELI CONFLICT IZVESTIYA ADMITS THAT "DIFFERENCES OF APPROACH" EXISTED. BOTH COMMENTATORS NOTE THAT KOSYGIN STRESSED THE NEED FOR ARAB UNITY AND EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT THE ARABS WILL OVERCOME THEIR DIFFERENCES.

4. INDOCHINA. IZVESTIYA'S CORRESPONDENT IL'INSKIPBZ WNSAIGON REPORTS EXCERPTS FROM INTERVIEWS WITH PRG CHAIRMAN THO, FOREIGN MINISTER BINH, JUSTICE MINISTER TANG AND OTHERS ON THE STEPS TOWARD NORMALIZING LIFE IN SOUTH VIETNAM. THE COMMENTS STRESS THE "LIBERATION" VICTORY AS THE FULFILLMENT OF HO CHI MINH'S WILL, THE

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POPULAR SUPPORT FOR THE "LIBERATORS", THE IMPORTANCE OF SOVIET AND OTHER SOCIALIST AID. IZVESTIYA ALSO REPORTS THAT SOVIET POLITBURO MEMBER KULAKOV AND SECRETARIAT MEMBER DOLGIKH LED THE SOVIET TURNOUT TO MEETING ON MAY 19 TO MARK HO'S BIRTHDAY. LITERARY GAZETTE REPLAYS A UPI ARTICLE ON THE APPARENT LACK OF RETRIBUTION IN SOUTH VIETNAM AFTER THE PRG TAKEOVER. PRAVDA REPORTS THE PRG'S STATEMENT ON THE BREAKDOWN IN THE

PRG-THAI TALKS. ON LAOS, PRAVDA REPORTS THAT THE PEOPLE SUPPORT THE ANTI-"RIGHTIST" CHANGES IN VIENTIANE AND ALSO SUPPORT THE PROVISIONAL COALITION.

5. CHINA. PRAVDA AND LITERARY GAZETTE CARRY TYPICAL ANTI-CHINA ITEMS, WITH PRAVDA REPLAYING WEST GERMAN PRESS COMMENT ON PRC SUPPORT FOR STRONGER WESTERN EUROPEAN UNITY AND OPPOSITION TO DETENTE WITH MOSCOW.

6. LATIN AMERICA. IZVESTIYA REPORTS THE SIGNING OF A SOVIET-PERUVIAN TRADE AGREEMENT ON MAY 19 (SEPTTEL), AND PRAVDA REPORTS FROM NEW YORK ON THE OAS SESSION IN FPIMGDF#PLAYING UP ALLEGED "CONTRADICTIONS" BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES. NO U.S.-LATIN AMERICAN RAPPROCHEMENT OVER CUBA IS STATED OR IMPLIED. MATLOCK UNQUOTE. INGERSOLL (NOTE (#) AS RECEIVED

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